Racing Post Smartview 3.00
THE SKY BET CITY OF YORK STAKES (GROUP 2)

1 ANNAF

Trainer: Michael Appleby

Results (oldest on the left): 3 3 0 2 7 0

Jockey: Rossa Ryan

ABILITY | JOCKEY | COURSE | Smart View Score

TRAINER | DISTANCE | GROUND | 85%

2 AUDIENCE

Trainer: John & Thady Gosden

Results (oldest on the left): 4 0 - 9 7 3

Jockey: Robert Havlin

ABILITY | JOCKEY | COURSE | Smart View Score

TRAINER | DISTANCE | GROUND | 91%

3 LAKE FOREST

Trainer: William Haggas

Results (oldest on the left): 1 - 4 5 6 2

Jockey: Tom Marquand

ABILITY | JOCKEY | COURSE | Smart View Score

TRAINER | DISTANCE | GROUND | 94%

4 NEVER SO BRAVE

Trainer: Andrew Balding

Results (oldest on the left): 2 0 - 2 1 1

Jockey: Oisin Murphy

ABILITY | JOCKEY | COURSE | Smart View Score

TRAINER | DISTANCE | GROUND | 91%

5 QIRAT

Trainer: Ralph Beckett

Results (oldest on the left): 2 2 - 2 0 1

Jockey: Colin Keane

ABILITY | JOCKEY | COURSE | Smart View Score

TRAINER | DISTANCE | GROUND | 87%

6 QUINAULT

Trainer: Stuart Williams

Results (oldest on the left): - 3 7 0 1 4

Jockey: Jason Hart

ABILITY | JOCKEY | COURSE | Smart View Score

TRAINER | DISTANCE | GROUND | 88%

7 ROSALLION

Trainer: Richard Hannon

Results (oldest on the left): 1 1 - 3 2 2

Jockey: Sean Levey

ABILITY | JOCKEY | COURSE | Smart View Score

TRAINER | DISTANCE | GROUND | 96%

8 TEN BOB TONY

Trainer: Ed Walker

Results (oldest on the left): 4 2 4 5 - 1

Jockey: William Buick

ABILITY | JOCKEY | COURSE | Smart View Score

TRAINER | DISTANCE | GROUND | 88%

9 MARANOA CHARLIE

Trainer: Christopher Head

Results (oldest on the left): 4 - 1 4 1 2

Jockey: Aurelien Lemaitre

ABILITY | JOCKEY | COURSE | Smart View Score

TRAINER | DISTANCE | GROUND | 89%

10 SEAGULLS ELEVEN

Trainer: Hugo Palmer

Results (oldest on the left): 0 - 0 6 2 1

Jockey: James Doyle

ABILITY | JOCKEY | COURSE | Smart View Score

TRAINER | DISTANCE | GROUND | 83%

11 EXACTLY

Trainer: Aidan O'Brien

Results (oldest on the left): 1 - 2 4 6 5

Jockey: Ryan Moore

ABILITY | JOCKEY | COURSE | Smart View Score

TRAINER | DISTANCE | GROUND | 87%

THE RAY GILPIN AWARD

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FOR THE TOP JOCKEY OF THE SKY BET EBOR FESTIVAL

This award remembers Ray Gilpin, a popular figure in both the Weighing Room & Press Room who sadly passed away in 2015.

A proud welshman, you'll notice the armband worn by the rider in front, is in scarlet. The colour of the scarf that Ray always wore to the races.

William Buick will wear the armband today as the leading jockey on five winners. Ryan Moore sits second on three winners.

Darcy&Wolf
by Elizabeth

Silk Ties
Flip Flops
Jewellery
Umbrellas
Pashminas
Sunglasses

Location: Gimcrack Entrance
darcyandwolf.com

The Sky Bet City Of York Stakes FACT FILE:

Distance
Seven furlongs (1,400m)

Prize money
£600,000 (prior to supplementary)

BRIEF HISTORY

It began life as a Listed Race, achieved Group 3 status in 2016, was promoted to Group 2 in 2019 and now is one of two new Group 1 races in the UK in 2025.

Kinross

GROUP ONE STATUS

From 1978 spin forward to 2025 and the historic renewal now sponsored by Sky Bet will for the first time be run as a Group 1, and worth a record £600,000. It becomes the fourth Group 1 at the Sky Bet Ebor Festival, and even more significantly, the first seven-furlong Group One race for older horses ever staged in Great Britain.

FIRST WINNER?

We've come a long, long way in the near 50 years since the City of York Stakes first graced the Knavesmire and Lester Piggott was carried to victory on the three-year-old Spence Bay.

WHY HAS IT BEEN DONE

This progress is a tribute to the strategic investment in prize money by the York Race Committee to build the race and to the advocacy of the BHA team who made the case that Great Britain and indeed European Racing would benefit from a top drawer contest over the specialist distance.

DUAL WINNERS

Only Kinross has managed to win the race twice, he went back-to-back in 2022 and 2023. Ralph Beckett's charge received an accidental kick at Goodwood so misses a chance to make it a hattirck.

HOW FAIRS THE EMERALD ISLE?

For the last Irish trained winner you have to go back to 2012 and Tom Hogan's Gordon Lord Byron, who also finished second in the race as a 10-year-old some six years later.

And the most remarkable fact of all? The name Aidan O'Brien does not feature amongst the list of winning trainers. With its new Group 1 status you can be well assured the Master of Ballydoyle will be well aware of a race slot in his CV. Exactly will look to fix that situation.

Gordon Lord Byron

Andrew Balding

LEADING TRAINER?

The recently retired Sir Michal Stoute leads the way with six winners, including Expert Eye (2018) and Confront, who shared the only dead head with Dream Eater for Andrew Balding in 2009. The reigning champion trainer on the Knavesmire is the leading active trainer, with four winners, his first coming back in 2003 courtesy of Vanderlin. It falls to Never So Brave to represent Park House Stable today. That double for Kinross means that Qirat would give Ralph Beckett three wins.

LEADING RIDER?

William Buick

The wide-open nature of the race is borne out by the Roll of Honour. Pat Eddery rode four winners during the early years, while the now internationally based Frankie Dettori leads the way on six wins. Of the current crop, William Buick (Ten Bob Tony) sits top with three winners to his name. He will be hoping to add a second Group One win for the week after the success of Ombudsman in the Juddmonte International.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Other memorable successes have come with the Royal Colours on Enharmonic, ridden by Steve Cauthen in 1990 and Expert Eye, in the colours of one of the Festival's leading sponsors Juddmonte, who won in 2018 en route to landing the Breeders Cup Mile just weeks later.

Enharmonic

HOW DO YORKSHIRE STABLES FIGURE?

Yorkshire-trained horses have an excellent record in recent years, twice in the past five years the prize has stayed at the Quinn's Malton yard, courtesy of Safe Voyage in 2020 and Breege, in a finish of outsiders just a year ago. Skipton born William Haggas sends Lake Forest to provide White Rose interest, though Newmarket based for his day job.

WHO ARE THE SPONSORS?

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John Quinn

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3rd Race 3.00

The Sky Bet City Of York Stakes (Group 1)

About Seven Furlongs (1,400 metres)

See page 94 for conditions of this race.

Tote Guarantee

Distance:	7f
Race Type:	Group One
Prize Money:	£665,000 (inc Supplementary)
Age:	3+
Stalls:	Farside

RACE DESCRIPTION

Back to a Pattern race, this race is to be run as a Group 1 for the first time and therefore making it the only 3yo+ contest at this rarefied level, over seven furlongs, in the UK schedule.

Weight allowances are in play for this race, see how Seagulls Eleven as a three-year-old and the only filly in the race, Exactly, both benefit by operating off a lower mark to acknowledge their weight and sex.

Look for C (has won at York) or D (has won over this distance) against the horse's name; look how Quinault carries both.

LAST YEAR'S RACE

Winner: BREEGE
Trainer: John and Sean Quinn
Jockey: Colin Keane
Age/Weight: 4-9-5
Runners: 6 SP: 33/1
Breege caused rather a shock when she pulled off a career best performance under Colin Keane. A very strong run and kept on well.

THE TALE OF THE CLOCK

RaceIQ Par Time: 1m 22.46s
(Based on going description: Good to firm-good in places)

Course Record: 1m 21s
by Shine So Bright (24-Aug-19)

All times are based where possible on the corresponding race over the last seven years

RACE FACTS & STATISTICS

Leading course trainer (20-25): A Balding (36 wins from 198 runners, 18%) runs **NEVER SO BRAVE**
Trainer-in-form (last 14 days): W Haggas (14 wins from 37 runners, 38%) runs **LAKE FOREST**
Fancy That: R Beckett won this race in 2022 and 2023. The stable runs **QIRAT** today.
Longest Traveller: MARANOA CHARLIE trained by C H Head, France.

NOTE: All statistics are up to and including 21st August.

Racecard No.	Last 6 Runs	Horse	Career Wins	Places	Total Runs	Career Winnings	Winning Distance Range	Winning Going Range	Runs Since Wins
1	330270	ANNAF	8	9	38	1038814	5-7F	G-ST	12
2	140-973	AUDIENCE	5	6	20	394680	7-8F	G-GF	5
3	21-4562	LAKE FOREST	3	4	12	2964585	6-8F	F-GF	4
4	720-211	NEVER SO BRAVE	4	4	11	163364	7-8F	G-S	0
5	122-201	QIRAT	4	5	12	695249	7-8F	G-ST	0
6	3-37014	QUINAULT	11	5	26	333862	6-7F	G-ST	1
7	211-322	ROSALLION	5	4	10	878288	7-8F	G-GF	3
8	84245-1	TEN BOB TONY	3	1	11	69066	7F	G-S	0
9	14-1412	MARANOA CHARLIE	5	1	8	216220	7-8F	G-S	1
10	40-0621	SEAGULLS ELEVEN	2	4	10	63120	7-8F	GF-S	0
11	31-2465	EXACTLY	2	4	11	35652	7F	G-S	4

KNAVESMIRE TIP

Audience was odds-on to land this prize last year but had to settle for fourth and faces much tougher opposition now, probably due to the now-Group 1 status of the event. Never So Brave has improved 14lb since switching to the Andrew Balding yard and merits the utmost respect, but it's hard to get away from ROSALLION. Twice a Group 1 winner as a three-year-old, he has been unfortunate not to land another this season. Touched off in the Queen Anne before getting closest to shock Sussex Stakes hero Qirat at Goodwood, the son of Blue Point may just relish this drop in trip and can gain another top-level triumph.

WIN **ROSALLION**

EACH WAY **Never So Brave**

3rd Race 3.00
The Sky Bet City Of York Stakes

Race Type: Group One
Prize Money: £665,000 (Inc Supplementary)
Age: 3+
Stalls: Farside

No	Horse	Age	st-lb (kgs)	Draw

1 Annaf (IRE) (21)
6 9-8 (60.8) (9)

Br h Muhaarar - Shimah (USA)

Owner: Fosnic Racing
Trainer: Michael Appleby, Oakham

Form: 33020O D
Breeder: Shadwell Estate Company Limited

Has won eight races from 5f to 7f on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. Beaten 6l behind Two Tribes at 18-1 when 12th of 27 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 6f (good to soft) earlier this month. Official BHA Rating 105

Rossa Ryan
Vicky Harris
SP: 100-1

2 Audience (GB) (25)
6 9-8 (60.8) (6)

B g Iffraaj - Ladyship

Owner: Cheveley Park Stud
Trainer: John & Thady Gosden, Newmarket

Form: 140-003 D BF
Breeder: Cheveley Park Stud Limited

Winner of five races from 7f to 1m on good to firm and good ground. Third of 10 behind Witness Stand beaten 5l at 3-1jt-fav on his latest outing in the Group 2 HKJC World Pool Lennox Stakes at Goodwood over 7f (good) last month. Official BHA Rating 115

Robert Havlin
Leah Mapston
SP: 20-1

3 Lake Forest (GB) (25)
4 9-8 (60.8) (8)

Ch c No Nay Never (USA) - Lady Aquitaine (USA)

Owner: Tony Bloom & Ian McAleavy
Trainer: William Haggas, Newmarket

Form: 21-4562 C D
Breeder: Sahara Group Holdings

He has won three times from 6f to 7f on firm and good to firm ground. Beaten 2 3/4l by Witness Stand when second of 10 at 11-1 on his latest outing in the Group 2 HKJC World Pool Lennox Stakes at Goodwood over 7f (good) last month. Official BHA Rating 113

Tom Marquand
SP: 16-1

4 Never So Brave (IRE) (42)
4 9-8 (60.8) (7)

B g No Nay Never (USA) - Chica Whopa (IRE)

EACH WAY

Owner: Mr Saeed Suhail
Trainer: Andrew Balding, Kingsclere

Form: 020-211 D
Breeder: C. O. P. Hanbury

He has won four times from 7f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to soft. A winner at 11-8 in the Group 2 Cornish Orchards Summer Mile Stakes at Ascot over 1m (good to firm) on his latest outing last month, beating Point Lynas by 3/4L. Has won twice there this season. Official BHA Rating 115

Oisin Murphy
Vydhir Singh
SP: 3-1

5 Qirat (GB) (24)
4 9-8 (60.8) (3)

Ch g Shirocco - Emulous

Owner: Juddmonte
Trainer: Ralph Beckett, Kimpton Down

Form: 122-201 D
Breeder: Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd

He has won four times from 7f to 1m on good and good to soft ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 150-1 in the Group 1 Visit Qatar Sussex Stakes at Goodwood over 1m (good) on his latest outing last month, beating Rosallion by a neck. Official BHA Rating 115

Colin Keane
Prempal Singh
SP: 22-1

6 Quinault (GER) (25)
5 9-8 (60.8) (5)

B g Lope Du Vega - Guernada (GER)

Owner: TJE Racing
Trainer: Stuart Williams, Newmarket

Form: 3-30014 CD
Breeder: Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof

Has won 11 races from 6f to 7f on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. Finished 5l behind Witness Stand when fourth of 10 at 11-1 on his latest outing in the Group 2 HKJC World Pool Lennox Stakes at Goodwood over 7f (good) last month. Official BHA Rating 112

Jason Hart
Stephen Holmes
SP: 25-1

7 Rosallion (IRE) (24)
4 9-8 (60.8) (11)

B c Blue Point (IRE) - Rosaline (IRE)

WIN

Owner: Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum
Trainer: Richard Hannon, Marlborough

Form: 211-322 D
Breeder: Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum

Winner of five races from 6f to 1m on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft. Beaten a neck by Qirat when second of 7 at 11-2 on his latest outing in the Group 1 Visit Qatar Sussex Stakes at Goodwood over 1m (good) last month. Official BHA Rating 120

Sean Levey
Narpat Singh
SP: 7-4

8 Ten Bob Tony (IRE) (84)
4 9-8 (60.8) (2)

Ch g Night Of Thunder (IRE) - Hug (IRE)

Owner: TBT Racing
Trainer: Ed Walker, Upper Lambourn

Form: 04245-1 D
Breeder: Knocktoran Stud

He has won three times at 7f on good and soft ground. A winner at 5-4 in the Group 3 Betfred John Of Gaunt Stakes at Haydock over 7f (good) on his latest outing in May, beating Kinross by a head. Official BHA Rating 112

William Buick
SP: 33-1

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For Sire/Dam see opposite page	Oasis Dream (GB)	Green Desert (USA)
		Hope (IRE)
	Tahrir (IRE)	Linamix (FR)
		Miss Sacha (IRE)
	Storm Cat (USA)	Storm Bird (CAN)
		Terlingua (USA)
	Sayedat Alhadh (USA)	Mr Prospector (USA)
		Muhbubh (USA)
For Sire/Dam see opposite page	Zafonic (USA)	Gone West (USA)
		Zaizafon (USA)
	Pastorale (GB)	Nureyev (USA)
		Park Appeal
	Oasis Dream (GB)	Green Desert (USA)
		Hope (IRE)
	Peeress (GB)	Pivotal (GB)
		Noble One (GB)
For Sire/Dam see opposite page	Scat Daddy (USA)	Johannesburg (USA)
		Love Style (USA)
	Cat's Eye Witness (USA)	Elusive Quality (USA)
		Comical Cat (USA)
	El Prado (IRE)	Sadler's Wells (USA)
		Lady Capulet (USA)
	Chalamont (IRE)	Kris
		Durtal
For Sire/Dam see opposite page	Scat Daddy (USA)	Johannesburg (USA)
		Love Style (USA)
	Cat's Eye Witness (USA)	Elusive Quality (USA)
		Comical Cat (USA)
	Oasis Dream (GB)	Green Desert (USA)
		Hope (IRE)
	Just Ice (GB)	Polar Falcon (USA)
		Justine (GER)
For Sire/Dam see opposite page	Oasis Dream (GB)	Green Desert (USA)
		Hope (IRE)
	Arabesque (GB)	Zafonic (USA)
		Prophecy (IRE)
	Dansili (GB)	Danehill (USA)
		Hasili (IRE)
	Aspiring Diva (USA)	Distant View (USA)
		Queen of Song (USA)
For Sire/Dam see opposite page	Green Desert (USA)	Danzig (USA)
		Foreign Courier (USA)
	Hope (IRE)	Dancing Brave (USA)
		Bahamian
	Dansili (GB)	Danehill (USA)
		Hasili (IRE)
	Quetena (GER)	Acatenango (GER)
		Quebrada (IRE)
For Sire/Dam see opposite page	Shamardal (USA)	Giant's Causeway (USA)
		Helsinki (GB)
	Scarlett Rose (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)
		Billie Blue
	New Approach (IRE)	Galileo (IRE)
		Park Express
	Reem Three (GB)	Mark of Esteem (IRE)
		Jumaireyah (GB)
For Sire/Dam see opposite page	Dubawi (IRE)	Dubai Millennium (GB)
		Zomaradah (GB)
	Forest Storm (GB)	Galileo (IRE)
		Quiet Storm (IRE)
	Dark Angel (IRE)	Acclamation (GB)
		Midnight Angel (GB)
	Tender Is The Night (IRE)	Barathea (IRE)
		Mill Princess

No	Horse	Age	st-lb (kgs)	Draw

9 Maranoa Charlie (FR) (48)

3 9-3 (58.5) (4)

B c Wootton Bassett - Koubalibre (IRE)

Owner: Bond Thoroughbred Limited
Trainer: Christopher Head, France

Form: 14-1412 D
Breeder: De Chambure Haras Detreham, Rivena Equi

Winner of five races from 7f to 1m on ground varying from good to soft. Beaten a short head by Woodshauna when second of 9 at 6-1 on his latest outing in the Group 1 Prix Jean Prat at Deauville over 7f (soft) last month.
Official BHA Rating 115

Aurelien Lemaitre
Stephane Bastard
SP: 7-1

10 Seagulls Eleven (IRE) (22)

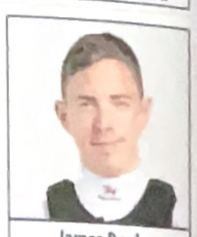
3 9-3 (58.5) (1)

Ch g Galileo Gold - Thrilled (IRE)

Owner: Two Plus Three Two Plus Four
Trainer: Hugo Palmer, Malpas

Form: 40-0621 D
Breeder: Tally-Ho Stud

Successful at 7f and 1m on good to firm and soft ground. A winner at 11-4 in the Group 3 Bonhams Thoroughbred Stakes at Goodwood over 1m (soft) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Diego Ventura by 3/4l.
Official BHA Rating 109



James Doyle
SP: 28-1

11 Exactly (IRE) (20)

3 9-0 (57.2) (10)

Ch f Frankel - Heartache

Owner: Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor
Trainer: Aidan O'Brien, Ireland

Form: 31-2465 D
Breeder: Coolmore

Successful twice at 7f on good and soft ground. Finished 2 3/4l behind Fallen Angel when fifth of 13 at 16-1 on her latest outing in the Group 1 Prix Rothschild at Deauville over 1m (good) earlier this month.
Official BHA Rating 110

Ryan Moore
Muhammad Yasir
SP: 22-1

NUMBER OF DECLARED RUNNERS 11 ..... **(EXACTA)**

Hood worn first time by No. 9. Blinkers worn first time by No. 2. Hood, Tongue Strap worn by No. 6.

STEWARDS NOTE

ANNAF Following its run on 2/8/2025 it was reported that the horse suffered interference in running.

PROBABLE S.P.'S

4 Rosallion (IRE), 7-1 Never So Brave (IRE), 7-1 Maranoa Charlie (FR), 16-1 Lake Forest (GB), 20-1 Audience (GB), 22-1 Qirat (GB), 25-1 Quinalt (GB), 28-1 Seagulls Eleven (IRE), 33-1 Ten Bob Tony (IRE), 100-1 Annaf (IRE)

PRIZE & PRIZE MONEY INFORMATION

2nd £142975

4th £35644

DISTANCES

3. Lake Forest (GB), 4. Never So Brave, 5. Qirat, 7. Rosallion, 10. Seagulls Eleven & 11. Exactly all hold an entry in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (sponsored by QIPCO) on Saturday 18th October for which supplementary entries can be received by noon on Monday 13th October for a stake of £70,000.

6. Quinalt & 8. Ten Bob Tony both hold an entry in the QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes on Saturday 18th October, for which supplementary entries can be received by noon on Monday 13th October for a stake of £37,500.

THIRD RACE PRESENTATION & BEST TURNED OUT

The trophy for this race will be presented to the winning owner after the race by Her Majesty The Queen, accompanied by Kevin Harrington, CEO, Flutter UKI & Claire Harrington.

Sky Bet have generously given £200 to the racing groom responsible for the best turned out horse in this race and £200 to the groom responsible for the winner's horse.

For Sire/Dam see opposite page	Iffraaj (GB)	Zafonic (USA)
		Pastorale (GB)
	Balladonia (GB)	Primo Dominie
		Susquehanna Days (USA)
	Galileo (IRE)	Sadler's Wells (USA)
		Urban Sea (USA)
	Kheleyf's Silver (IRE)	Kheleyf (USA)
		Silver Arrow (USA)
For Sire/Dam see opposite page	Paco Boy (IRE)	Desert Style (IRE)
		Tappen Zee
	Galicuix (GB)	Galileo (IRE)
		Clizia (IRE)
	Kodiac (GB)	Danehill (USA)
		Rafha
	Fuerta Ventura (IRE)	Desert Sun (GB)
		Cradle Brief (IRE)
For Sire/Dam see opposite page	Galileo (IRE)	Sadler's Wells (USA)
		Urban Sea (USA)
	Kind (IRE)	Danehill (USA)
		Rainbow Lake (GB)
	Kyllachy (GB)	Pivotal (GB)
		Pretty Poppy (GB)
	Place In My Heart (GB)	Compton Place (GB)
		Lonely Heart (GB)

The Sky Bet City Of York Stakes

Breege - Winner Of Last Year's Race

Previous Winners - Last Ten Runnings

		Trainer	Jockey	SP	Runners	Time	Going
2024	Breege	John & Sean Quinn	Colin Keane	33/1	6 ran	1m 24.09s	G/F
2023	Kinross	Ralph Beckett	Frankie Dettori	9/4F	11 ran	1m 22.57s	G/F
2022	Kinross	Ralph Beckett	Frankie Dettori	5/1	9 ran	1m 22.97s	G/F
2021	Space Blues	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	11/8F	9 ran	1m 22.60s	G
2020	Safe Voyage	John Quinn	Jason Hart	4/1	8 ran	1m 25.47s	G/S
2019	Shine So Bright	Andrew Balding	James Doyle	6/1	9 ran	1m 21.00s	G/F
2018	Expert Eye	Sir Michael Stoute	Frankie Dettori	EvsF	9 ran	1m 23.10s	G/F
2017	Talaayeb	Owen Burrows	Chris Hayes	9/1	18 ran	1m 24.08s	G
2016	Nemoralia	Jeremy Noseda	Jamie Spencer	15/8F	10 ran	1m 22.86s	G
2015	Fadhayyil	Barry Hills	Paul Hanagan	5/1J	14 ran	1m 23.12s	G/S

3.10

Distance: 6f
Race Type: Auction Stakes
Prize Money: £100,000

The £100,000 Tattersalls Somerville Auction Stakes (GBB Race)

No	Horse	st-lb	lbs	Draw
1	**Sands of Spain (IRE) (24)**	9-7	(60.3)	(20)
	B c Sands of Mali (FR) - Wind Storm (Holy Roman Emperor (IRE))			Jockey: Jason Watson
	Owner: Mr J. Maldonado			Form: 01136
	Trainer: Andrew Balding, Kingsclere			Breeder: Rathbride Farm

Foaled 27 Apr. Successful twice at 5f on good to soft ground and on the all-weather. Finished 8l behind Lady Iman when sixth of 8 at 7-1 on his latest outing in the Group 3 HKJC World Pool Molecomb Stakes at Goodwood over 5f (good) last month. Has won at Newcastle and Carlisle this season. Official BHA Rating 91 SP: 11-2

2	**Logi Bear (IRE) (2) (4lb)**	9-3	(58.5)	(5)
	B c Kodi Bear (IRE) - Moonlight Bay (Pivotal)			Jockey: Dougie Costello
	Owner: Mr Ian Wight, Mr Tony Lyons and Ptnr			Form: 140050 CD
	Trainer: Richard Hannon, Marlborough			Breeder: Rathbride Farm

Foaled 2 May. A winner at 6f on good ground. Well beaten at 20-1 behind Stellar Sunrise when last of 18 on his latest outing at York over 7f (good to firm) earlier this week. Official BHA Rating 81 SP: 22-1

3	**Court Alert (IRE) (13)**	9-1	(57.6)	(19)
	Br c Inns of Court (IRE) - Misfortunate (IRE) (Kodiac)			Jockey: Neil Callan
	Owner: Middleham Park Racing XXXIV			Form: 55
	Trainer: Eve Johnson Houghton, Blewbury			Breeder: M. Mullen & Cloneymore Farm

Foaled 31 Jan. Half-brother to Believing, won five times at 5f and 6f including a Group 1 race. Unplaced in both starts. Finished 3 1/2l behind Hardy's Hero when fifth of 8 at 6-1 on his latest outing at Haydock over 6f (good to firm) earlier this month. Official BHA Rating - SP: 50-1

4	**Erbil (IRE) (30)**	9-1	(57.6)	(13)
	Ch c Palace Pier - Al Mahmeyah (Teofilo (IRE))			Jockey: Kieran O'Neill
	Owner: Mr REFAI ALGHRAIBAN			Form: 4
	Trainer: Alice Haynes, Newmarket			Breeder: Rabbah Bloodstock Limited

Foaled 8 Mar. Half-brother to Afandem, won seven times at 5f and 6f including a Group 3 race. Finished 4l behind Sunset On Leros when fourth of 11 at 4-1 on his racecourse debut at Doncaster over 7f (good) last month. Official BHA Rating - SP: 14-1

5	**Hungarian (IRE) (26)**	9-1	(57.6)	(18)
	B g Starspangledbanner (AUS) - Kendal Mint (Kyllachy)			Jockey: Harry Davies
	Owner: Daniel MacAuliffe & Anoj Don			Form: 2
	Trainer: Lennox De Souza, Newmarket			Breeder: G. H. S. Bloodstock & J. C. Bloodstock

Foaled 9 Apr. Half-brother to Temple Bruer, won seven times at 6f. Beaten 3 1/2l by Special Dividend when second of 11 at 25-1 on his racecourse debut at Southwell over 6f last month. Official BHA Rating - SP: 40-1

6	**Enter Sandman (IRE) (73) (2lb)**	8-13	(56.7)	(3)
	B c Starman - Paella (IRE) (Oasis Dream)			Jockey: David Egan
	Owner: Phil Cunningham			Form: 5
	Trainer: Richard Spencer, Newmarket			Breeder: Tally-Ho Stud

Foaled 28 Mar. Half-brother to Getchagetchagetcha, won twice at 5f and 1m 4f. Finished 5l behind Wateen when fifth of 9 at 14-1 on his racecourse debut at Lingfield over 5f (good) in June. Official BHA Rating - SP: 50-1

7	**Kesta (IRE) (5) (6lb)**	8-13	(56.7)	(14)
	Ch g Kessaar (IRE) - Destacado (IRE) (Mehmas (IRE))			Jockey: Callum Hutchinson
	Owner: The Woodway 20			Form: 602133
	Trainer: Eve Johnson Houghton, Blewbury			Breeder: R O'Callaghan and D. Veitch

Foaled 6 Mar. Successful twice at 5f on good to firm ground. Third of 9 behind Lil Brother beaten 1 1/2l at 12-1 on his latest outing at Windsor over 5f (good to firm) earlier this month. Has won there and at Brighton this season. Official BHA Rating 78 SP: 16-1

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No	Horse	st-lb	(kgs)	Draw
8	**Piscean Star (GB) (12) (4lb)**	8-13	(56.7)	(15)
	B c Starman - Ensemble (FR) (Iron Mask (USA))			Jockey: Pat Cosgrave
	Owner: The 2 Under Partnership			Form: 1
	Trainer: Ed Dunlop, Newmarket			Breeder: Whatton Manor Stud & Robert Cornelius

Foaled 15 Mar. Half-brother to Quick Change, won twice between 7f and 1m 1f. A winner at 5-1 at Kempton over 7f on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Alkumatic Sam by a neck. Official BHA Rating - SP: 9-1

9	**Sapphire Steps (IRE) (8)**	8-12	(56.2)	(17)
	Gr f Dark Angel (IRE) - Hidden Steps (Footstepsinthesand)			Jockey: Thomas Greatrex
	Owner: J. Palmer-Brown, C. Engel and Partner			Form: 150 D
	Trainer: Richard Hannon, Marlborough			Breeder: Yeomanstown Stud

Foaled 28 Feb. A winner at 6f on good to firm ground. Beaten 4 1/2l behind Hollywood Treasure at 8-1 when seventh of 11 on her latest outing at Newbury over 5f (good) earlier this month. Official BHA Rating 87 SP: 6-1

10	**Justcallmesergio (GB) (7) (4lb)**	8-11	(55.8)	(8)
	B c Sergei Prokofiev (CAN) - Kailulani (IRE) (Danehill Dancer (IRE))			Jockey: Marco Ghiani
	Owner: The Star Wishers			Form: 1 D
	Trainer: Clive Cox, Hungerford			Breeder: The In Trutina Partnership

Foaled 9 Apr. Half-brother to Oahu, won at 6f. A winner at 5-1 at Bath over 6f (firm) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Calafion by 2 1/4l. Official BHA Rating - SP: 8-1

11	**Calling A Star (GB) (28)**	8-10	(55.3)	(16)
	Ch f Showcasing - Dundunah (USA) (Sidney's Candy (USA))			Jockey: Nicola Currie
	Owner: A Smith, J Henwood & Star Amusements			Form: 042
	Trainer: Richard Hughes, Upper Lambourn			Breeder: Whitsbury Manor Stud

GBB Foaled 26 Feb. Placed once in three starts. Beaten 1 3/4l by Golden Palace when second of 8 at 7-1 on her latest outing at York over 6f (good) last month. Official BHA Rating 74 SP: 18-1

12	**Madame X (GB) (17)**	8-10	(55.3)	(9)
	B f Ardad (IRE) - Hoku (IRE) (Holy Roman Emperor (IRE))			Jockey: John Fahy
	Owner: Pall Mall Partners & Black Type Ltd			Form: 20604
	Trainer: Richard Hannon, Marlborough			Breeder: Jocelyn Targett

GBB Foaled 23 Feb. Placed once in five starts. Finished 5l behind Elara May when fourth of 9 at 20-1 on her latest outing at Yarmouth over 5f (good to firm) earlier this month. Official BHA Rating 66 SP: 40-1

13	**Sioux Perfect (IRE) (25)**	8-10	(55.3)	(10)
	B f Sioux Nation (USA) - Perfectimperfection (IRE) (Camelot)			Jockey: William Cox
	Owner: El Jefe			Form: 56402
	Trainer: Archie Watson, Upper Lambourn			Breeder: Shane & Michael O'Brien

Foaled 21 Mar. Placed once in five starts. Beaten 1/2l by A'ali G when second of 7 at 12-1 on her latest outing at Ripon over 6f (good) last month. She is wearing blinkers for the first time. Official BHA Rating 74 SP: 18-1

14	**Diamond Ali (GB) (72) (6lb)**	8-9	(54.9)	(12)
	Ch c A'Ali (IRE) - Birthstone (Machiavellian (USA))			Jockey: Dylan Hogan
	Owner: Sk & J Developments Ltd & partners			Form: 00
	Trainer: Julia & Shelley Birkett, Newmarket			Breeder: Amanda Rawding

Foaled 24 Apr. Half-brother to Star Of Valour, won twice between 7f and 1m 1f. Unplaced in both starts. Beaten 9l behind Timeforshowcasing at 66-1 when seventh of 8 on his latest outing at Chelmsford City over 6f in June. Official BHA Rating - SP: 300-1

15	**Guernsey Angel (GB) (28) (2lb)**	8-8	(54.4)	(7)
	B f Harry Angel (IRE) - Aubrietia (Dutch Art)			Jockey: Josephine Gordon
	Owner: Mr Trevor Gallienne			Form: 64
	Trainer: David Evans, Abergavenny			Breeder: J. Babb

GBB Foaled 26 Apr. Half-sister to Dora Penny, won seven times at 5f and 6f. Unplaced in both starts. Finished 5l behind Lost Signal when fourth of 7 at 22-1 on her latest outing at Salisbury over 6f (good to firm) last month. Official BHA Rating - SP: 50-1

No	Horse	st-lb	(kgs)	Draw

16 Anaisa (GB) (13) (4lb)

8-6 (53.5) (1)

B f Ardad (IRE) - Secretariat (IRE) (Kingman)
Owner: Nick Bradley Racing 4 & Partner
Trainer: Tim Easterby, Malton

Jockey: Cam Hardie
Form: 612634
Breeder: Habton Racing

GBB Foaled 20 Feb. A winner at 5f on good ground. Finished 2 3/4l behind Better And Better when fourth of 7 at 12-1 on her latest outing at Haydock over 6f (good to firm) earlier this month. Official BHA Rating 74

SP: 22-1

17 Hazy Cosmic Jane (IRE) (17) (4lb)

8-6 (53.5) (2)

Ch f Starman - Single Thought (Teofilo (IRE))
Owner: Mr W. P. Flynn
Trainer: Des Donovan, Exning

Jockey: Georgia Dobie
Form: 6343
Breeder: Michael Buckley

Foaled 1 Mar. Placed once in four starts. Third of 8 behind Corniche Girl beaten 2 1/4l at 11-1 on her latest outing at Kempton over 6f earlier this month. Official BHA Rating 62

SP: 50-1

18 Perfect Location (GB) (41) (6lb)

8-6 (53.5) (6)

Br f Cable Bay (IRE) - Perfect Lady (Excelebration (IRE))
Owner: Mildmay Racing & Only Fillies RC
Trainer: Tom Ward, Upper Lambourn

Jockey: Sean Dylan Bowen
Form: 51 D
Breeder: Mildmay Bloodstock Ltd

GBB Foaled 16 Feb. Half-sister to Balkan Leader, won six times at 5f. A winner at 9-2 at Southwell over 6f on her latest outing last month, beating Startled Lady by a neck. Official BHA Rating 69

SP: 18-1

19 Arduis Invicta (IRE) (10) (6lb)

8-4 (52.6) (4)

B f Invincible Army (IRE) - First Link (USA) (First Defence (USA))
Owner: Hopyard Farm Racing
Trainer: Craig Lidster, Malton

Jockey: John Egan
Form: 552451
Breeder: Stuart McPhee Bloodstock

Foaled 27 Mar. A winner at 9-2 at Beverley over 5f (good to firm) on her latest outing earlier this month, beating Mossvale Diva by 1/2l. Official BHA Rating 70

SP: 20-1

20 Mythical Night (IRE) (23) (6lb)

8-4 (52.6) (11)

B f Invincible Army (IRE) - Dark Tulip (Dark Angel (IRE))
Owner: Mr D. Mooney & Mr R. Shaw
Trainer: Dylan Cunha, Newmarket

Jockey: Morgan Cole
Form: 0
Breeder: Grangemore Stud & Cavalier Bloodstock

Foaled 16 Jan. Dam won at 5f. Well beaten at 66-1 behind Aylin when last of 13 on her racecourse debut at Goodwood over 7f (heavy) last month. Official BHA Rating

SP: 300-1

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DOUBLING UP DOWN UNDER

Whilst Australia's premier racecourse might be more than 10,500 miles from York, operating in a different hemisphere; the links between the Knavesmire and Flemington are actually very close.

Not only do the teams at the two venues regularly share best practice but their signature contests are interwoven by the participants.

Prince of Arran

As recently as 2022, Deauville Legend won the Sky Bet Great Voltigeur before being installed as favourite at Flemington. If we consider the last running not severely impacted by the pandemic, three thoroughbreds graced both the Sky Bet Ebor and the Lexus Melbourne Cup; with the Charlie Fellowes trained, Prince of Arran, being placed second in "the race that stops the nation" after a top ten finish at York.

What's more, in three of the last four prior to that, the Lexus Melbourne Cup the Sky Bet Ebor winner has made the top ten.

There is still a real challenge of doing the double. Deauville Legend (albeit actually a Sky Bet Great Voltigeur winner) became the latest to go close, finishing fifth after being sent off favourite. He joined Heartbreak City in 2016 and Purple Moon in 2007, who both headed down under as champions to find only one better in their bid for a famous double.

Heartbreak City (r)

Purple Moon (r)

The two courses offer valuable prize money and are widely regarded as a proper test of the racehorse, so it is not easy to land a major prize at either never mind, both. That honour so nearly went the way of Rekindling, who gave Joseph O'Brien a first major success in the Melbourne Cup of that November having been placed fourth in the Al Basti Equiworld, Dubai Dante Stakes in the northern hemisphere in the May of 2017.

Rekindling

Cross Counter

FUN TIMES REMEMBERED

As well as the star horses, the same sense of fun is shared by the occasions that host the feature races.

In both 2019 and 2023, York Racecourse was honoured to be the only British host to the Lexus Melbourne Cup on its charitable global tour.

Over a memorable few days in 2019 and 2023, the unique trophy was the star of numerous racegoers selfies as well as visiting racing yards and the East Yorkshire village that shares its name. Though for many followers on Social media, it was the appearance with the irrepressible Yorkshire Terriers that captured their hearts.

A year later and Cross Counter gave the Godolphin operation their first victory at Flemington, however the Charlie Appleby trailblazer had only managed a close up second on the Knavesmire in the Sky Bet Great Voltigeur of that August.

It had been the opposite way around for Max Dynamite in 2015, when the Ricci family owned gelding partnered Frankie Dettori into the York Winner's Enclosure in the Weatherbys Hamilton Lonsdale Cup, to just miss out in Australia, behind Prince of Penzance. The 2023 Ebor champion Absurde took on the global challenge twice, finishing in the top 10 in each of the last two years. Interestingly the 2023 Melbourne Cup winner, Without A Fight' had won twice at York, in his 2022 season.

In more than quarter of a century since Vintage Crop so memorably became the first European trained of Melbourne's big race, only two other raiders have come home with the famous three-handled trophy. Whether any of this week's champions will join that elite list, only time can tell, but York has certainly been an important part of the career of many who have already come close.

How the last decade of Sky Bet Ebor winners fared in the Lexus Melbourne Cup

2024: Magical Zoe	n/a
2023: Absurde	7th/5th 2024
2022 : Trawlerman	n/a
2021 : *	
2020: *	
2019: Mustajeer	22nd
2018: Muntahaa:	9th
2017: Nakeeta:	5th
2016: Heartbreak City	2nd
2015: Litigant	n/a
2014: Mutual Regard	14th
2013: Tiger Cliff	n/a

* Winners of 2020 & 2021 opted to skip a trip down under due to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic

Absurde

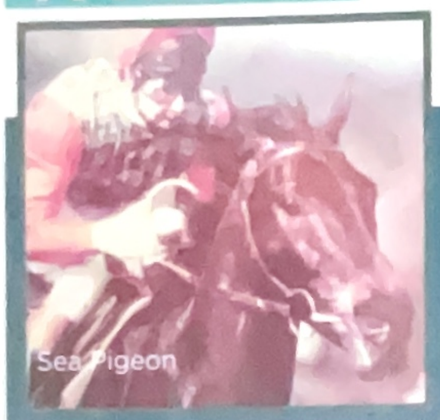
The Sky Bet Ebor FACT FILE:

Distance
One mile & six furlongs (2,800m)

Prize money
£500,000

WERE YOU HERE THE DAY WHEN...

Where have four decades gone, Sea Pigeon was a most popular winner in 1979. The nine-year-old gelding, once ante-post favourite for the Derby and a future dual Champion Hurdle winner, represented Yorkshire trainer Peter Easterby and carried 10 stone to victory. He was ridden to victory by jump jockey Jonjo O'Neill – now a highly successful trainer.


Sea Pigeon

OR FOR THE POST MILLENNIUM GENERATION...

When the much missed Sergeant Cecil won another great race on Knavesmire? He won the 2005 Sky Bet Ebor on his first visit to York and added the Stobart Rail Northumberland Plate and the Cesarewitch in the same year to make history by becoming the first horse to land the three premier staying handicaps. The gelding always raised his game on the Knavesmire and later added the Yorkshire Cup, the Weatherbys Hamilton Lonsdale Cup and the rearranged 2006 Doncaster Cup to his triumphs here.

FIRST WINNER?

Pagan was the first winner of the race, ridden by Slim Templeman and trained by John Scott. The 6-1 shot carried 7st 13lb and was a popular winner. Soon the betting ring was hooked and York's long history blossomed.

WHY IS IT SPECIAL?

Simply it is York's most famous race, and shares its name with the Roman city, EBORACUM that is now known as York. It is the biggest gambling heat of the week here on the Knavesmire and the oldest race of the Festival, first run 1843.

WILL IRISH EYES BE SMILING?

They were in 2009 and 2013 when Presenta and Dirar won for Willie Mullins and Gordon Elliott respectively, and in 2015 when Mutual Regard won for Johnny Murtagh. But overall runners from Ireland don't have the greatest of records, after a lean spell in the later years of the last and first decade of this, illuminated only by the Aidan O'Brien-trained Mediate in 2001, fortunes have been much better of late with the ill-fated Heartbreak City's triumph in 2016 and Mustajeer winning last year's race, this year's was confirmed by Sir Michael Stoute's Sir Ebrooksteiston. Aidan's and last years winner Magical Zoe who took the prizes back to Ireland for Johnny Murtagh, Willie Mullins and Henry de Bromhead respectively. All three of the above have representatives this afternoon, Jim Bolger as well as Aidan and son Joseph O'Brien, among the Irish contingent up to a likely eight of the card.

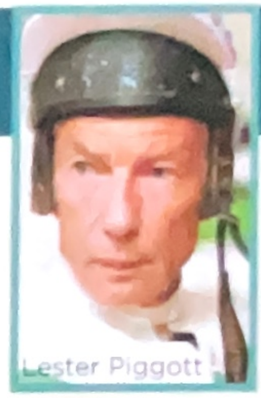
Mutual Regard

John & Thady Gosden

LEADING TRAINER?

The retired Luca Cumani was the trainer to follow, having won it three times - Vicious Circle (1999), Mephisto (2004) & Purple Moon (2007). Johnny Murtagh has won two of the last twelve renewals, including the 2014 renewal, and with Sonnyboyliston in 2021. Willie Mullins saw his total double courtesy of Absurde in 2023. John & Thady Gosden went within one of Luca Cumani as Trawlerman joined Muntahaa (2018) as winners for Clarehaven. French Master represents them today.

LEADING RIDER?


Lester Piggott

The much missed Lester Piggott, whose statue is now on the Edwardian Weighing Room Lawn, leads the way with five victories. When it comes to the current crop, there are two to have won the race before, Jim Crowley and Jamie Spencer, who would add one were Charlus to oblige. While Frankie ended in style to make it three wins, the swansong coming aboard Absurde.

THE 3-YEAR-OLD QUESTION?

With the Sky Bet Ebor becoming one of Europe's richest and best handicaps, it was the right time to consider how the race best fits in to the overall racing programme. For the three-year-olds, the established Pattern programme has a proven rhythm and it is not the intention to alter running plans for the best of the Classic crop. The investment in the Sky Bet Great Voltigeur keeps the pathway to a record level of £250,000 for the Betfred St Leger. The Ebor will now focus on stayers aged four and upwards. The Race to The Ebor also links the more valuable Sky Bet Melrose with next season, so retaining a 3-y-o connection. In practical terms, the stats show that as the quality of the Ebor has increased, only two horses aged three actually made the stalls in the last decade (prior to the switch), with the last classic generation winner back in 2001, when Mediterranean took the spoils.

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HOW DO YORKSHIRE STABLES FIGURE?

Yorkshire-trained horses have a good overall record, although Moyenne Corniche became only the fourth winner in the past 27 renewals when triumphing six years ago for Brian Ellison, more than a decade on will Onesmoothoperator complete a famous northern handicap double by adding the Sky Bet Ebor to his Northumberland Plate success? The late Jimmy Fitzgerald saddled Sapience to score in 1989, the record-breaking Mark Johnston's Quick Ransom was the hero in 1992 and Les Eyre won with Far Ahead in 1997. Adrian Keatley (Kihavah), Karl Burke (Almoshiher), Brian Ellison (Onesmoothoperator) and David O'Meara (Stressfree) fly the Yorkshire flag today

Helping Yorkshire
EBOR COMMUNITY SWEEPSTAKE

The Ebor Community sweepstake is an innovative initiative which seeks to thank, celebrate and reward some of the countless thousands who have helped others in the county.

Working with our partners at Sky Bet and others, we invited nominations. Out of the 170+ nominations, we now have shortlisted 22 who will all be joining us on Saturday – they will each be assigned a runner in the Sky Bet Ebor and the charity or community group attached to the winning horse will receive a prize of £20,000. What is more, the second placed horse will earn £5,000 for its connected good cause, £2,000 to the third place duo and all the others benefit from a £1,000 donation. The good causes were each allocated a stall number, then Thursday's Draw matched them to a runner. They now appear below in the same racecard order as the runners themselves, with the technicality of the reserves worked through.

1 French Master (IRE)

Organisation: Malton Free Fridge

Volunteers work to reduce food waste, by repurposing surplus food from shops and supermarkets.

2 Hipop de Loire (FR)

Organisation: Tommy's Voice

Operating out of Huddersfield, in support of veterans and their families, ensuring a smooth transition to the next chapter.

3 Yashin (IRE)

Organisation: Declan John Foundation

Started in Garfoth, it provides items to hospitals maternity units for parents who have sadly lost a baby.

4 Queenstown (IRE)

Organisation: Beverley Community Lift

Provides accessible, door-to-door transport, for those in need due to age, disability or isolation.

5 Kihavah

Organisation: Carpets Like a Boss!!!!

Halifax based group helps alleviate carpet poverty, recycling those carpets destined for landfill to families in need.

6 Ethical Diamond (IRE)

Organisation: M.A.S.H

Volunteers use their Bridlington hub to support Armed Forces veterans, serving personnel and their families.

7 London City (USA)

Organisation: Shopmobility York

Helps people with mobility issues, by providing wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

8 Onesmoothoperator (USA)

Organisation: Open Country

Celebrating 35 years of helping people with disabilities enjoy the great outdoors, across the whole county.

9 Subsequent (IRE)

Organisation: Hornsea Inshore Rescue

An independent lifeboat ; they operate in the dangerous North Sea

10 Real Dream (IRE)

Organisation: DIAL Barnsley

Provides information, advice and support; run by and for disabled people, their families and carers.

11 Roaring Legend (FR)

Organisation: Nomad

Tackles hidden homelessness and housing insecurity in Sheffield.

12 Stressfree (FR)

Organisation: Ma Kellys Kitchen

A community group that feeds the elderly and in-need residents of Keighley.

13 Shadow Dance

Organisation: Partially Sighted Society

Supporting those with sight loss, through practical assistance, daily living aids & personalised advice from a Doncaster base.

14 Siege of Troy

Organisation: Endo Buddies

Hull is home to a group offering people living with endometriosis practical and emotional support.

15 Enemy

Organisation: Re-engage

Provide vital, life-enhancing social connections for older people across the county.

16 Oneforthegutter

Organisation: Rotherham Pride

Volunteers hold regular events as well as the annual Pride celebration.

17 Ascending (IRE)

Organisation: Aphasia Support

From a Wakefield HQ, helping carers of and people with this complex language disorder, caused by damage to the brain, to rebuild their communication, confidence and independence.

18 Almosh'her

Organisation: Ripon Men's Shed

Using practical skills and teamwork to support those who feel lost, lonely or isolated.

19 Majestic Warrior (IRE)

Organisation: Wakefield MS Support

Volunteers that have one form of MS, holds social events, assists with grants and short breaks.

20 Charlus (IRE)

Organisation: Rotherham Hospice

The only adult hospice in Rotherham.

21 Fleetfoot (IRE)

Organisation: Barnsley Foodbank

Focused on alleviating issues of food poverty, across Barnsley.

22 Mr Percy (IRE)

Organisation: Glen Gardens York

Residents that improve and maintain a local park for the benefit of all.

The mechanics of having reserves drawn for the race on Thursday, means that **Glen Gardens York** have had their allegiance switched to Mr Percy (drawn 23) due to Aeronautic (drawn in stall 4) not getting a run due to there being no non-runners.

sky bet RACE TO THE EBOR York

This season sees the latest staging of the famous race as part of a an extensive partnership with Leeds-based Sky Bet.

Today sees the fruition of a series entitled the "Race To The Ebor" which includes four high-class staying contests.

Sky Bet Melrose Handicap (3YO only)	Sky Bet Jorvik Handicap (4YO+)	Sky Bet Stakes (Handicap, 4YO+)	Sky Bet Grand Cup (Listed, 4YO+)
York - 1m 6f	York - 1m 4f	The Curragh - 1m 6f	York - 1m 6f
Saturday 24 August 2024	Wednesday 14 May 2025	Wednesday 4 June 2025	Saturday 14 June 2025
TABLETALK	ALMOSH'HER	MR PERCY	AL QAREEM

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Sky Bet Ebor (Handicap 4YO+)
York - 1m 6f
Saturday 23 August 2025

The winners of the four races above would all have been guaranteed a start position in the Sky Bet Ebor of 2025 provided they were entered and confirmed in the normal way. As a consolation for connections, if their horse fails to finish in the top eight places, they will have their entry fee to the race (worth £5,000) refunded, the top eight receive £5,000 or more in prize money.

Both Table Talk and Al Qareem are now plying their trade in Pattern company with the latter finishing 4th in yesterday's Group Two Weatherbys Lonsdale Cup. At 9st 2lb it is a moot point for Almosh'her and Mr Percy (our remaining duo), however for future reference if any of the "Race To The Ebor" winners were set to carry the lowest weight in the Sky Bet Ebor, that horse's weight would be raised to the equivalent of the lowest-weighted horse that was set to run through the established entry process.

To complement this initiative York Racecourse invested in Britain's largest set of starting stalls, able to accommodate 22 runners, an increase of two participants on the 2018 configuration. Jorvik winner Almosh'her will be hoping to bounce back from his Royal Ascot disappointment and looks to have every chance having being purchased by Wathnan Racing. Curragh victor Mr Percy is an interesting proposition for Joseph O'Brien. Whoever wins, they can look forward to a warmer November than is on offer in Yorkshire, as the Sky Bet Ebor winner now has a guaranteed start in the Lexus Melbourne Cup.

BIG RACE TRENDS

THE SKY BET EBOR

PREVIOUS WINNERS - LAST TEN RUNNINGS

Year	Winner	Trainer	Jockey	SP	Runners	Time	Going
2024	Magical Zoe	Henry De Bromhead	W J Lee	11/2F	20 ran	2m 58.21s	G/F
2023	Absurde	Willie Mullins	Frankie Dettori	7/1	22 ran	2m 56.41s	G/F
2022	Trawlerman	John & Thady Gosden	Frankie Dettori	9/1	20 ran	3m 42.24s	G/F
2021	Sonnyboyliston	Johnny Murtagh	Ben Coen	10/1	20 ran	2m 56.10s	G
2020	Fujaira Prince	Roger Varian	Andrea Atzeni	11/2F	21 ran	3m 4.22s	S
2019	Mustajeer	Ger Lyons	Colin Keane	16/1	22 ran	2m 52.97s	G/F
2018	Muntahaa	John Gosden	Jim Crowley	11/1	20 ran	2m 53.48s	G/F
2017	Nakeeta	Iain Jardine	Callum Rodriguez	12/1	19 ran	2m 56.54s	G
2016	Heartbreak City	A J Martin	Adam McNamara	15/2	20 ran	2m 56.13s	G
2015	Litigant	Joseph Tuite	Oisin Murphy	33/1	19 ran	3m 0.16s	G

AGE

The seven-year-old Litigant became the oldest winner since Sea Pigeon back in 1979 when landing the spoils ten years ago but the group to focus on is the five and six-year-olds, who between them have landed seven of the last ten renewals. They represent twelve of the twenty-two runner field this time around.

DRAW

Usually in races such as this, being drawn on the rail is an advantage but that hasn't proved the case in the Sky Bet Ebor. The fact that seven of the last ten winners have been drawn in stall 12 or higher suggests that is in fact the higher drawn horses which seem to be favoured. With victory in the Ebor being held in such high esteem, those jockeys drawn low have shown a tendency to break far too quickly from the stalls in order to take advantage of their draw but only end up setting a furious early pace which can often set the race up for more patiently ridden rivals.

OFFICIAL RATINGS

10 of the last 12 winners have had a rating of 101 or more, so it pays to keep the [illegible]. The highest rated winner was Nakeeta (108) in 2017.

RECENT FORM

Unexposed, dark horses do not win the Ebor. Eight of the last ten winners had achieved a top five finish on their most recent start. We can take this trend one step further when you consider that seven of the last ten winners had achieved a top two finish on either or both of their two latest starts. This bodes well for French Master, Kihavah, Oneforthegutter and Almosh'her.

BETTING

Whichever way you look at it, this is not a race in which following the favourite has proved a fruitful strategy - there have only been four winning favourites since 1998, although five of the last 12 winners came from the top three in the betting. In the last ten years, we have had winners at 20/1 and 33/1, so the best advice is to back your selection regardless of the starting price.

KEY TRENDS

Drawn stall 12 or higher
Five or Six-year-old
Top five finish last time
Rated 101+

CONCLUSION

With the race [illegible] higher rated animals too strong to ignore, it makes sense that [illegible] head of affairs. French Master must defy top-weight and there have only been three winners of 108 to suggest that he could be in with a chance, albeit carrying 10lb more than an Ebor is no easy task. Hipop De Loire will no doubt prove popular for Willie Mullins however he failed to achieve a top three finish on either of his last starts. Kihavah is an obvious one to side with after his good run last year but is now eight, which would be a negative. Sticking with the trend that five or six year olds are the ones to look onto, the unexposed Majestic Warrior is interesting but a chance is taken on **ETHICAL DIAMOND** to try and follow up his Royal Ascot victory. He fits the age bill and obviously finished in the top two last time out. Rated 104, he possesses enough class and should go close today.

Stats(s) supplied by an independent analyst. All trends are ten year based unless stated.

4th Race 3.35

Distance:	1m 6f
Race Type:	Heritage Handicap
Prize Money:	£500,000
Age:	4+
Stalls:	Inside Rail

The Sky Bet Ebor Stakes (Heritage Handicap)(GBBPlus Race)

One Mile About Six Furlongs (2,800 metres)

See page 94 for conditions of this race.

Trifecta Rollover Race

Tote Guarantee

RACE DESCRIPTION

Probably our most famous race, the Sky Bet Ebor, is open to 4yo+ horses and over a trip of a mile and three quarters.

This race is theoretically open to any horse regardless of its official mark. The highest rated, still set to carry the most weight in this race today, is French Master.

The runners are undoubtedly amongst the best in their class in Britain so remember to follow their progress in future contests, they could star in the Lexus Melbourne Cup as this is the only race outside Australia to provide a "ballot exemption" for the first Tuesday of November. Perhaps take a close up look in the Parade Ring before they go to post to make your final selection.

LAST YEAR'S RACE

Winner: MAGICAL ZOE
Trainer: Henry De Bromhead
Jockey: W J Lee
Age/Weight: 6-9-6
Runners: 20 SP: 11/2F

A thrilling renewal of the Sky Bet Ebor Handicap last year saw Magical Zoe elude Kihavah and Oneforthegutter as they battled on gamely all the way but could not get near her.

THE TALE OF THE CLOCK

RacerIQ Par Time: 2m 58.32s
(Based on going description: Good to firm-good in places)

Course Record: 2m 51.89s
by Tuning (19-Aug-98)

All times are based where possible on the corresponding race over the last seven years

RACE FACTS & STATISTICS

Leading course trainer (20-25): A Balding (36 wins from 198 runners, 18%) runs **SUBSEQUENT**
Trainer-in-form (last 14 days): D O'Meara (12 wins from 47 runners, 26%) runs **STRESSFREE**
Fancy That: J & T Gosden won this race in 2018 and 2022. The stable runs **FRENCH MASTER** today.

NOTE: All statistics are up to and including 21st August.

No.	Last 6 Runs	Horse	Career Wins	Career Places	Total Runs	Career Winnings	Winning Distance Range	Winning Going Range	Runs Since Wins
1	11-2115	FRENCH MASTER	4	1	7	87987	12-14F	G-ST	1
2	2347/5-4	HIPOP DE LOIRE	2	2	9	15953	12-14F	G	0
3	0006-176	YASHIN	4	1	20	100397	10-16F	G-GF	2
4	2200-66	QUEENSTOWN	1	3	10	7965	12F	HV	7
5	9021-15	KIHAVAH	6	6	25	121609	12-14F	G-GF	2
6	431/24-1	ETHICAL DIAMOND	2	3	6	63331	12F	GF-HV	0
7	6/115-05	LONDON CITY	2	–	7	19146	11-12F	G-ST	3
8	5-77584	ONESMOOTHOPERATOR	5	14	43	125097	10-16F	G-ST	7
9	5121-60	SUBSEQUENT	4	2	10	84413	12-14F	GF-S	2
10	7-34833	REAL DREAM	3	4	16	25173	12-14F	GS-ST	10
11	116694	ROARING LEGEND	5	7	17	61706	12-16F	G-ST	4
12	321059	STRESSFREE	4	10	25	60758	9-12F	G-S	3
13	2/0213-9	SHADOW DANCE	2	5	10	70536	12F	G	2
14	37-4443	SIEGE OF TROY	1	4	11	10435	10F	G	8
15	866-066	ENEMY	5	11	41	125804	7-14F	G-ST	9
16	363-921	ONEFORTHEGUTTER	4	7	31	93296	6-14F	G-ST	0
17	2/221-11	ASCENDING	4	5	14	96102	8-20F	G-ST	0
18	1-2110	ALMOSH'HER	3	1	5	45689	8-12F	GF-ST	1
19	141/1	MAJESTIC WARRIOR	3	–	4	18460	9-12F	G-ST	0
20	1/112-03	CHARLUS	3	1	6	32955	9-10F	S-ST	3
21	22-0141	FLEETFOOT	4	7	14	76220	8-12F	G-HV	0
22	52/221-1	MR PERCY	2	3	6	30533	14F	G	1

KNAVESMIRE TIP

Willie Mullins has won this twice before, most recently with Absurde in 2023, and last year's fifth Hipop De Loire is back for more off 3lb higher after an easy maiden hurdle win at Galway. He can go well but if FRENCH MASTER takes to a first-time visor, he may have the edge. Successful over this sort of trip at Goodwood and Ascot, he was only fifth in the Goodwood Cup but, back in handicap company, he could prove too good. Fleetfoot is just one other to consider, with his 4lb penalty unlikely to be enough to stop another bold effort.

WIN **FRENCH MASTER**

EACH WAY **Hipop De Loire**

4th Race 3.35
The Sky Bet Ebor Stakes

Race Type: Heritage Handicap
Prize Money: £500,000
Age: 4+
Stalls: Inside Rail

No	Horse	Age	st-lb	(kgs)	Draw
1	**French Master (IRE) (25)**	4	9-12	(62.6)	(22)

B c Frankel - French Dressing
Owner: Wathnan Racing
Trainer: John & Thady Gosden, Newmarket

Jockey: Robert Havlin
Form: 11-2115 D
Breeder: Normandie Stud Ltd

He has won four times from 1m 4f to 1m 6f on good to firm and good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 8l behind Scandinavia when fifth of 8 at 9-1 on his latest outing in the Group 1 Al Shaqab Goodwood Cup Stakes at Goodwood over 2m (good) last month. Has won at Ascot and Goodwood this season. Official BHA Rating 108 **SP: 12-1**

2	**Hipop de Loire (FR) (53)**	8	9-10	(61.7)	(9)

B g American Post - Louve Rose
Owner: Stawomir Pegza
Trainer: W. P. Mullins, Ireland

Jockey: Colin Keane
Form: 2340/5-4 D
Breeder: A & A Mottais

Successful at 1m 4f and 1m 6f on good ground, but last win was over three years ago; has also won a hurdle last month. Finished 3 1/2l behind Chally Chute when fourth of 11 at 10-1 on his latest flat outing at Roscommon over 1m 4f (yielding) last month. Official BHA Rating 106 **SP: 11-2**

3	**Yashin (IRE) (41)**	6	9-9	(61.2)	(3)

B g Churchill (IRE) - Mirdhak
Owner: Mizons, Bakers & Lewitts
Trainer: Michael Bell, Newmarket

Jockey: Archie Young (5)
Form: 006-106 D
Breeder: Mr Gerry Byrne

He has won four times from 1m 2f to 2m on good to firm and good ground. Well beaten at 5-1 behind Sibayan when last of 6 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Prix Maurice De Nieuil at ParisLongchamp over 1m 6f (good to soft) last month. Official BHA Rating 105 **SP: 40-1**

4	**Queenstown (IRE) (35)**	5	9-8	(60.8)	(5)

B g Galileo (IRE) - Where (IRE)
Owner: Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith/Westerberg
Trainer: Aidan O'Brien, Ireland

Jockey: Ryan Moore
Form: 2200-66
Breeder: Coolmore

A winner at 1m 4f on heavy ground. Finished 7l behind Al Riffa when sixth of 7 at 18-1 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Curragh Cup at Curragh over 1m 6f (good) last month. Official BHA Rating 104 **SP: 20-1**

5	**Kihavah (GB) (111)**	8	9-8	(60.8)	(7)

Ch g Harbour Watch (IRE) - Roheryn (IRE)
Owner: [illegible]
Trainer: Adrian Keatley, Malton

Jockey: P. J. McDonald
Form: 0021-15 C D
Breeder: The Roheryn Partnership

Winner of six races from 1m 4f to 2m 1f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft; has also won three hurdles. Finished 2 1/2l behind Glory Horse when fifth of 14 on his latest flat outing at Newmarket over 1m 6f (good to firm) in May. Official BHA Rating 104 **SP: 22-1**

6	**Ethical Diamond (IRE) (64)**	5	9-8	(60.8)	(21)

B g Kodiac (GB) - Night Wind (GB)
Owner: [illegible]
Trainer: M. J. Wallis, England

Jockey: William Buick
Form: 431/24-1
Breeder: Mr W. J. Kennedy

Successful twice at 1m 4f on good to firm and soft ground; has also won a hurdle in February. Won on his latest outing when 3-1fav at Ascot over 1m 4f (good to firm) by 1/2l from Qaie Hunain Mutaawid by 2l. Official BHA Rating 104 **SP: 9-1**

7	**London City (USA) (35)**	4	9-8	(60.8)	(18)

Gr c Justify (USA) - Winter (IRE)
Owner: Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mr John Magnier
Trainer: Aidan O'Brien, Ireland

Jockey: Sean Levey
Form: 6/115-05 C
Breeder: Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt

Successful at 1m 3f and 1m 4f on good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 7l behind Al Riffa when fifth of 7 at 33-1 on his latest outing in the Group 2 Michael John Kennedy Curragh Cup at Curragh over 1m 6f (good) last month. Official BHA Rating 104 **SP: 16-1**

8	**Onesmoothoperator (USA) (42)**	7	9-8	(60.8)	(1)

Dk b/br g Oxbow (USA) - Sweet Storm (USA)
Owner: Mr P Boyle
Trainer: Brian Ellison, Malton

Jockey: Ben Robinson
Form: 5-03504
Breeder: Triple D Partners Llc

Winner of five races from 1m 2f to 2m on good ground and on the all-weather. Finished 4 1/2l behind Al Qareem when fourth of 6 at 33-1 on his latest outing over this course and distance (good to firm) last month. Official BHA Rating 104 **SP: 40-1**

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No	Horse	Age	st-lb	(kgs)	Draw
9	**Subsequent (IRE) (21)**	4	9-8	(60.8)	(12)

Ch g Galileo (IRE) - After (IRE)
Owner: Mrs Fitri Hay
Trainer: Andrew Balding, Kingsclere

Jockey: Oisin Murphy
Form: 5121-60 D
Breeder: Coolmore

He has won four times from 1m 4f to 1m 6f on good to firm and soft ground. Beaten 13l behind Sam Hawkens at 28-1 when 11th of 14 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 1m 6f (good to soft) earlier this month. He is wearing a tongue-tie for the first time. Official BHA Rating 104 (-2) **SP: 150-1**

10	**Real Dream (IRE) (43)**	6	9-7	(60.3)	(20)

B g Lope de Vega (IRE) - Laganore (IRE)
Owner: Macable Partnership
Trainer: Ian Williams, Alvechurch

Jockey: Joe Leavy
Form: 0-34033 D
Breeder: Newtown Anner Stud

He has won three times from 1m 4f to 1m 6f on good to firm and good to soft ground and on the all-weather, but last win was over two years ago. Third of 13 behind Oneforthegutter beaten 3l at 11-1 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 1m 6f (good to firm) last month. Official BHA Rating 103 **SP: 40-1**

11	**Roaring Legend (FR) (43)**	5	9-6	(59.9)	(14)

Gr g Roaring Lion (USA) - Amarysia (FR)
Owner: Mr Alan Peterson
Trainer: Hugo Palmer, Malpas

Jockey: Hollie Doyle
Form: 116604 D
Breeder: S.C.E.A. Marmion Vauville et al

Winner of five races from 1m 4f to 2m on good to firm and good to soft ground and on the all-weather; has also won two hurdles. Finished 4 1/2l behind Oneforthegutter when fourth of 13 at 28-1 on his latest outing at Newmarket over 1m 6f (good to firm) last month. Official BHA Rating 102 **SP: 66-1**

12	**Stressfree (FR) (21)**	5	9-5	(59.4)	(10)

Ch g Anodin (IRE) - Gwenseb (FR)
Owner: Akela Thoroughbreds Limited
Trainer: David O'Meara, Upper Helmsley

Jockey: Daniel Tudhope
Form: 321050
Breeder: Wertheimer & Frere

He has won four times from 1m 1f to 1m 4f on ground varying from good to heavy; has also won a hurdle in February. Beaten 10l behind Sam Hawkens at 25-1 when 9th of 14 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 1m 6f (good to soft) earlier this month. Official BHA Rating 101 (-1) **SP: 80-1**

13	**Shadow Dance (GB) (25)**	5	9-4	(59.0)	(8)

Gr g Almanzor (FR) - Skyline Dancer
Owner: Newsells Park Stud-Ardiles/Brazil/Hoddle
Trainer: Roger Varian, Newmarket

Jockey: Silvestre De Sousa
Form: 2/0213-0 C
Breeder: Newsells Park Stud

Successful twice at 1m 4f on good ground. Beaten 6l behind Westridge at 16-1 when 9th of 18 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 1m 2f (good) last month. Official BHA Rating 100 **SP: 16-1**

14	**Siege of Troy (GB) (16)**	4	9-3	(58.5)	(13)

B f Siyouni (FR) - Roheryn (IRE)
Owner: Qatar Racing Limited
Trainer: J. P. Murtagh, Ireland

Jockey: Patrick McGettigan (7)
Form: 30-4443
Breeder: The Roheryn Partnership

A winner at 1m 2f on good ground. Third of 6 behind Sons And Lovers beaten 1l at 12-1 on her latest outing in the Group 3 Tote Ballyroan Stakes at Leopardstown over 1m 4f (good) earlier this month. Official BHA Rating 99 **SP: 22-1**

15	**Enemy (GB) (14)**	8	9-2	(58.1)	(6)

B g Muhaarar - Prudenzia (IRE)
Owner: Tracey Bell & Caroline Lyons
Trainer: Ian Williams, Alvechurch

Jockey: Richard Kingscote
Form: 066-066 D
Breeder: Ecurie Des Monceaux & Skymarc Farm Inc

Winner of five races from 7f to 1m 6f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather. Finished 4 1/2l behind Fireblade when sixth of 9 at 40-1 on his latest outing at Ascot over 2m (good to firm) earlier this month. Official BHA Rating 98 (-1) **SP: 40-1**

16	**Oneforthegutter (GB) (43)**	6	9-2	(58.1)	(19)

B g Muhaarar - Rainbow Springs
Owner: Tracey Bell & Caroline Lyons
Trainer: Ian Williams, Alvechurch

Jockey: Saffie Osborne
Form: 363-021 D
Breeder: Michael E Wates CBE

He has won four times from 6f to 1m 6f on ground varying from good to firm to good to soft and on the all-weather. A winner at 12-1 at Newmarket over 1m 6f (good to firm) on his latest outing last month, beating Endless Victory by 1/2l. Official BHA Rating 98 **SP: 25-1**

No	Horse	Age	st-lb	(kgs)	Draw

17 Ascending (IRE) (67)

6 9-2 (58.1) (16)

B g Awtaad (IRE) - Midnight Martini
Owner: C. Jones
Trainer: **Henry de Bromhead, Ireland**
Jockey: **Seamie Heffernan**
Form: 2//221-11
Breeder: Karis Bloodstock Ltd & Rathbarry Stud

He has won four times from 1m to 2m 4f on ground varying from good to firm to soft and on the all-weather. A winner at 20-1 at Ascot over 2m 4f (good to firm) on his latest outing in June, beating Nurburgring by a neck. Has also won at Cork this season. Official BHA Rating 98 **SP: 18-1**

18 Almosh'her (GB) (64)

4 9-2 (58.1) (2)

B g Sea The Stars (IRE) - Orange Sun
Owner: Wathnan Racing
Trainer: **K. R. Burke, Leyburn**
Jockey: **Clifford Lee**
Form: 1-2110 C
Breeder: Effevi SRL

He has won three times from 1m to 1m 4f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. Beaten 10l behind Ethical Diamond at 7-1 when 12th of 18 on his latest outing at Ascot over 1m 4f (good to firm) in June. Has won here and at Kempton this season. Official BHA Rating 98 **SP: 18-1**

19 Majestic Warrior (IRE) (133)

5 9-2 (58.1) (17)

Ch h Churchill (IRE) - Zam Zoom (IRE)
Owner: Mr Saeed Manana
Trainer: **James Tate, Newmarket**
Jockey: **Rossa Ryan**
Form: 141/-1
Breeder: Rabbah Bloodstock Limited

He has won three times from 1m 1f to 1m 4f on good ground and on the all-weather. Won on his latest outing when 2-1fav at Thirsk over 1m 4f (good) in April, beating Knightswood by 4 1/2l. Official BHA Rating 98 **SP: 16-1**

20 Charlus (IRE) (22)

4 9-1 (57.6) (11)

B g Churchill (IRE) - Nobilis
Owner: The Why Knot Partnership
Trainer: **W. P. Mullins, Ireland**
Jockey: **Jamie Spencer**
Form: 1/112-03
Breeder: RJB Bloodstock

He has won three times from 1m 1f to 1m 2f on soft ground and on the all-weather; has also won a hurdle in January. Third of 7 behind Taipan beaten 8l at 5-1 on his latest outing at Galway over 1m 6f (yielding) earlier this month. Official BHA Rating 97 **SP: 66-1**

21 Fleetfoot (IRE) (10)

5 9-1 (57.6) (15)
(in 4lb ex)

B g Teofilo (IRE) - Fleeting Smile (USA)
Owner: Mrs J.S.Bolger/Frederick Tylicki
Trainer: **J. S. Bolger, Ireland**
Jockey: **Ross Coakley**
Form: 22-0141
Breeder: Shadwell Estate Company Limited

He has won four times from 1m to 1m 4f on ground varying from good to heavy. Won on his latest outing when 2-1fav at Gowran Park over 1m 4f (good) earlier this month, beating Gambino by 1 3/4l. Carries a 5lb penalty today for that success. Official BHA Rating 93 **SP: 66-1**

22 Mr Percy (IRE) (80)

5 9-1 (57.6) (23)

B g Sir Percy - Lady Westminster (IRE)
Owner: Mr Simon Munir/Mr Isaac Souede
Trainer: **Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland**
Jockey: **Tom Marquand**
Form: 52/221-1 D
Breeder: Westminster Race Horses GmbH

Successful twice at 1m 6f on good ground; has also won two hurdles (latest NH win was in April). A winner at 2-1 at Curragh over 1m 6f (good) on his latest flat outing in June, beating Jabbar by a neck. Official BHA Rating 95 **SP: 20-1**

NUMBER OF DECLARED RUNNERS 24 ..... **(EXACTA)**

Visor worn first time by No. 1. Tongue Strap worn first time by No. 9. Sheepskin Cheek Pieces worn first time by No. 15, 21.
Hood worn by No. 6, 20. Blinkers worn by No. 4. Tongue Strap worn by No. 3, 5, 11, 14, 21, 24.
Sheepskin Cheek Pieces worn by No. 14, 16, 22. Running for the first time since Gelding No. 8, 18.

STEWARDS NOTE

FRENCH MASTER: Following its run on 29/7/2025 it was reported that the horse was slowly away.
STRESSFREE: Following its run on 2/8/2025 it was reported that the horse was denied a clear run.
ALMOSH'HER: Following its run on 20/6/2025 it was reported that the horse hung left-handed.

PROBABLE S.P.'S

11-2 Hipop de Loire (FR), 9-1 Ethical Diamond (IRE), 12-1 French Master (IRE), 14-1 Aeronautic (IRE), 16-1 London City (USA), Shadow Dance (GB), Majestic Warrior (IRE), 18-1 Ascending (IRE), Almosh'her (GB), 20-1 Queenstown (IRE), Mr Percy (IRE), 22-1 Kihavah (GB), Siege of Troy (GB), 25-1 Oneforthegutter (GB), 40-1 Yashin (IRE), Onesmoothoperator (USA), Real Dream (IRE), Enemy (GB), 66-1 Roaring Legend (FR), Charlus (IRE), Fleetfoot (IRE), 80-1 Stressfree (FR)

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RESULT & PRIZE MONEY INFORMATION

1st £300000 2nd £89950
3rd £47500 4th £25000
TIME DISTANCES

QIPCO CHAMPIONS DAY

1. French Master & 2. Hipop De Loire both hold an entry in the QIPCO British Champions Sprint Stakes on Saturday 18th October, for which supplementary entries can be received by noon on Monday 13th October for a stake of £37,500.

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William Buick is tied at the top of the standings, after first riding Trawlerman and then Fifth Column in our last to make it a double on the day.

2025 STANDINGS

William Buick	**8**
Oisin Murphy	**8**
Clifford Lee	7
Tom Marquand	6
Ryan Moore	5

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5th Race 4.10

The Sky Bet Constantine Stakes (Heritage Handicap)

Six Furlongs (1,200 metres)

See page 94 for conditions of this race.

Tote Guarantee

Distance:	6f
Race Type:	Heritage Handicap
Rating:	0-110
Prize Money:	£120,000
Age:	3+
Stalls:	Centre

RACE DESCRIPTION

Getting the hang of handicaps? Well, this is a still quite a new one, your vital statistics are; 3yo+ rated 0-105, going six furlongs.

The boosted £120,000 prize money as well as handicap rating band means that it will attract some pretty smart types (like for Test cricketers score of over 100 denotes a top performer). The best (on past performance) will be the highest rated, Two Tribes, who will carry most weight.

If you are looking for a tip then perhaps follow the racecourse tipster, Baron Ferdinand, who has marked his selections with a red bi plane.

LAST YEAR'S RACE

Winner: ELMONJED
Trainer: William Haggas
Jockey: Tom Marquand
Age/Weight: 3-8-7
Runners: 19 SP: 7/2F
Elmonjed took this competitive race in style despite being up 2lb. Prominent throughout, he took the lead inside the final half a furlong and wasn't for catching.

THE TALE OF THE CLOCK

Race10 Par Time: 1m 10.46s
(Based on going description: Good to firm-good in places)

Course Record: 1m 8.23s
by Mince (09-Sep-12)

All times are based where possible on the corresponding race over the last seven years

RACE FACTS & STATISTICS

Leading course trainer (20-25): A Balding (36 wins from 198 runners, 18%) runs **TROPICAL STORM**
Trainer-in-form (last 14 days): A Balding (10 wins from 50 runners, 20%) runs **TROPICAL STORM**
Weightwatcher: SAINT LAWRENCE won off a handicap mark of 100, his rating is now down 8lb to 92.
Longest Traveller: NIMITZ trained by H Engblom, Norway.

NOTE: All statistics are up to and including 21st August.

No.	Last 6 Runs	Horse	Career Wins	Places	Total Runs	Career Winnings	Winning Distance Range	Winning Going Range	Runs Since Wins
1	440311	TWO TRIBES	3	9	20	224199	5-7F	G-GS	0
2	725-090	JORDAN ELECTRICS	16	11	77	115048	5-6F	G-GF	6
3	702687	COMMANCHE FALLS	12	9	51	425345	6F	G-S	17
4	14-6100	TROPICAL STORM	2	2	10	96407	5F	GF	2
5	671190	WE NEVER STOP	5	4	20	119040	5-6F	GF-ST	2
6	4-11558	COMPLETELY RANDOM	3	2	12	46453	5-6F	G-ST	3
7	3113-04	NORTHERN TICKER	2	2	6	10152	6F	S-ST	3
8	590005	TWILIGHT CALLS	3	4	27	27324	5-6F	G-GF	18
9	1500-25	POCKLINGTON	2	1	7	12582	6F	ST	5
10	568562	STRIKE RED	8	6	47	223567	6F	G-ST	9
11	242964	RUN BOY RUN	4	11	24	32601	6-7F	GF-ST	8
12	382213	BADRI	11	13	59	148935	5-7F	G-ST	1
13	937322	MILFORD	1	6	11	4806	5F	S	10
14	06-0032	JUBILEE WALK	3	2	11	24934	5-6F	G-ST	6
15	0-77000	SAINT LAWRENCE	3	5	36	105677	6-7F	G-GF	17
16	102100	DARK THIRTY	6	5	31	76460	6-7F	G-GF	2
17	6-47439	ZAYER	1	4	10	4860	5F	GF	7
18	41/1	SUPER SAIYAN	2	–	3	9693	6-7F	GF-ST	0
19	04-1119	NIMITZ	9	1	15	58661	6-7F	G-S	1
20	202131	CHIEF MANKATO	3	6	17	47666	6F	GF	0

KNAVESMIRE TIP

Nimitz looks overpriced after finishing ninth at Goodwood when drawn away from the action and, with an added furlong, he could mount a challenge. Tropical Storm has a two-out-of-two record here but he needs to bounce back from a poor run at Ascot, and TWO TRIBES gets the nod. After supplementing his international triumph with an easy victory in the Stewards' Cup, Richard Spencer's four-year-old has been upped a further 8lb but Ryan Moore takes the ride and he can land the hat-trick.

TWO TRIBES

Nimitz

No	Horse	Age	st-lb	(kgs)	Draw

17 Zayer (IRE) (14)

B c Starspangledbanner (AUS) - Looks A Million
Owner: Mr E. A. Al Afoo
Trainer: **Archie Watson, Upper Lambourn**

3 9-1 (57.6) (15)
Jockey: **Hollie Doyle**
Form: 6-40430
Breeder: Looks A Million Partnership

A winner at 5f on good to firm ground. Beaten 18l behind Prince Of India at 5-1 when 9th of 10 on his latest outing at Ascot over 6f (good to firm) earlier this month. Official BHA Rating 95
SP: 40-1

18 Super Saiyan (IRE) (21)

Ch g Night of Thunder (IRE) - Sand Shoe
Owner: Mr Ryan Kent
Trainer: **Billy Aprahamian, Towcester**

4 8-13 (56.7) (13)
Jockey: **Sean Kirrane**
Form: 41/-1 D
Breeder: N. Hartery

Successful at 6f and 7f on good to firm ground and on the all-weather. A winner at 15-2 at Doncaster over 6f (good to firm) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Valley Ofthe Kings by 4l. Official BHA Rating 90
SP: 14-1

19 Nimitz (SWE) (25)

EACH WAY

B g U S Navy Flag (USA) - Ocean Magic (AUS)
Owner: Torgny Karlsson HB
Trainer: **Henrik Engblom, Sweden**

4 8-13 (56.7) (19)
Jockey: **Jamie Spencer**
Form: 04-1110 D
Breeder: Tor Harry Sigfridsson

Has won nine races from 6f to 7f on ground varying from good to soft. Beaten 6l behind Brazen Bolt at 40-1 when 9th of 20 on his latest outing at Goodwood over 5f (good) last month. Official BHA Rating 90
SP: 80-1

20 Chief Mankato (GB) (12)

B g Sioux Nation (USA) - Armageddon
Owner: Mr J. H. Widdows
Trainer: **Jack Channon, West Ilsley**

4 8-12 (56.2) (3)
Jockey: **Edward Greatrex**
Form: 202131 D
Breeder: Crossfields Bloodstock Ltd

He has won three times at 6f on good to firm ground. A winner at 9-1 at Windsor over 6f (good to firm) on his latest outing earlier this month, beating Trefor by a neck. Has also won at Chepstow this season. Official BHA Rating 89
SP: 20-1

NUMBER OF DECLARED RUNNERS 20 ..... **(EXACTA)**

Blinkers worn by No. 1, 3, 5, 15. Visor worn by No. 11. Tongue Strap worn by No. 14, 20. Sheepskin Cheek Pieces worn by No. 17, 20.

STEWARDS NOTE

JORDAN ELECTRICS: Following its run on 20/8/2025 it was reported that the horse was denied a clear run.
COMMANCHE FALLS: Following its run on 2/8/2025 it was reported that the horse suffered interference in running.
TROPICAL STORM: Following its run on 26/7/2025 it was reported that the horse lost its action.

PROBABLE S.P.'S

15-2 Pocklington (GB), 8-1 Two Tribes (GB), 17-2 Jubilee Walk (GB), 14-1 Twilight Calls (GB), Super Saiyan (IRE), 16-1 Commanche Falls (GB), Strike Red (IRE), 18-1 Jordan Electrics (GB), Badri (GB), 20-1 Completely Random (GB), Run Boy Run (GB), Milford (GB), Chief Mankato (GB), 22-1 Tropical Storm (GB), 33-1 Northern Tricker (IRE), 40-1 We Never Stop (IRE), Dark Thirty (IRE), Zayer (IRE), 80-1 Saint Lawrence (IRE), Nimitz (SWE)

RESULT & PRIZE MONEY INFORMATION

1st	£61848	2nd	£29004
3rd	£14508	4th	£7248
TIME		DISTANCES	

FIFTH RACE PRESENTATION & BEST TURNED OUT

sky bet

The trophy for this race will be presented to the winning owner after the race by Rebecca Sturgeon, Finance Director, Flutter & Family.

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2024 Champion Andrew Balding

Lifeplan produced a memorable performance to land the Group Two Al Basti Equiworld Dubai Gimcrack for local trainer, Declan Carroll.

2025 STANDINGS

Andrew Balding	**8**
John & Thady Gosden	7
Karl Burke	6
William Haggas	6
Ralph Beckett	4
Ruth Carr	4
Richard Hannon	4

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6th Race 4.45

Distance:	5f
Race Type:	Listed
Prize Money:	£100,000
Age:	2
Stalls:	Centre

The Julia Graves Roses Stakes (Listed Race)

Five Furlongs (1,000 metres)

See page 94 for conditions of this race.

Tote Guarantee

RACE DESCRIPTION

The final leg in our Pattern Race journey this week, this Listed race is for 2yo horses over five furlongs. The shorter distance usually makes for a tight finish.

Weight allowances mean the boys carry more weight to reflect their greater strength; Our Cody is one of the three fillies who start from the lower mark today.

Maybe an in-form yard is the way to go, check out the table before this race.

LAST YEAR'S RACE

Winner: TROPICAL STORM
Trainer: Andrew Balding
Jockey: Oisin Murphy
Age/Weight: 2-9-2
Runners: 16 SP: 5/2F
Tropical Storm enjoyed his return to the minimum trip, though it did look very close between him and Magnum Force who flew up in the final furlong to challenge. Just doing enough to hold on at the line.

THE TALE OF THE CLOCK

RaceiQ Par Time: 57.99s
(Based on going description: Good to firm-good in places)

Course Record: 57.11s
by Big Time Baby (20-Aug-16)

All times are based where possible on the corresponding race over the last seven years

RACE FACTS & STATISTICS

Leading course trainer (20-25): K R Burke (29 wins from 259 runners, 11%) runs **ZELAINA**
Trainer-in-form (last 14 days): T Easterby (9 wins from 85 runners, 11%) runs **REVIVAL POWER**
Longest Traveller: EXCLAMATION trained by G Harris, Shirenewton, 232 miles.

NOTE: All statistics are up to and including 21st August.

No.	Last 6 Runs	Horse	Career Wins	Places	Total Runs	Career Winnings	Winning Distance Range	Winning Going Range	Runs Since Wins
1	1623	DICKENSIAN	1	2	4	15462	5F	G	3
2	33201	EXCLAMATION	1	2	5	6480	5F	GS	0
3	913	KINNALARGY	1	1	3	3780	5F	GF	1
4	11027	MILITARY CODE	2	1	5	17034	5F	G-GF	3
5	4214	RYDALE FROSTY	1	1	4	3672	6F	GF	1
6	5211	SILENT APPLAUSE	2	1	4	11478	5F	G-GF	0
7	421P4	OUR CODY	1	1	5	3672	5F	GF	2
8	102	REVIVAL POWER	1	1	3	5234	5F	GF	2
9	188	ZELAINA	1	–	3	3725	5F	G	2

KNAVESMIRE TIP

DICKENSIAN only found one too good in the Windsor Castle at Royal Ascot and followed that up with a fine third in the Molecomb. A reproduction of either of those efforts would give the son of Pinatubo a big chance here. That said, this a very competitive event and Rydale Frosty was only narrowly behind the selection at Goodwood. David Simcock's colt has to be of interest, while Military Code is another with strong form claims. The shortlist is completed by Revival Power and Silent Applause.

WIN **DICKENSIAN**

EACH WAY **Rydale Frosty**

6th Race 4.45
The Julia Graves Roses Stakes

Distance: 5f
Race Type: Listed
Prize Money: £100,000
Age: 2
Stalls: Centre

No	Horse	st-lb	(kgs)	Draw

1 Dickensian (GB) (24)
B c Pinatubo (IRE) - Yourtimesnow
Owner: Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum
Trainer: Kevin Ryan, Hambleton

9-2 (58.1) (3)
Jockey: Shane Gray
Form: 1623 D
Breeder: Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum

Foaled 30 Apr. A winner at 5f on good ground. Third of 8 behind Lady Iman beaten 2l at 11-1 on his latest outing in the Group 3 HKJC World Pool Molecomb Stakes at Goodwood over 5f (good) last month. Official BHA Rating 96
SP: 13-2

2 Exclamation (IRE) (31)
Gr c Acclamation - Amanda (FR)
Owner: Foxhills Racing Limited
Trainer: Grace Harris, Shirenewton

9-2 (58.1) (2)
Jockey: Rossa Ryan
Form: 33201 D
Breeder: A. V. Bloodstock

Foaled 18 Feb. A winner at 7-4 at Doncaster over 5f (good to soft) on his latest outing last month, beating U S S Charleston by 4 1/2l. Official BHA Rating 83
SP: 33-1

3 Kinnalargy (GB) (29)
B c Havana Grey - Rose Ransom (IRE)
Owner: Mr P and Mrs S Dunne
Trainer: Kevin Ryan, Hambleton

9-2 (58.1) (7)
Jockey: Kevin Stott
Form: 013 D
Breeder: Paradise Farm Stud

Foaled 13 Feb. A winner at 5f on good to firm ground. Third of 12 behind Lifeplan beaten 1 1/4l at 9-2 on his latest outing at Thirsk over 6f (good) last month. Official BHA Rating 85
SP: 16-1

4 Military Code (GB) (24)
B c Wootton Bassett - Wishfully (IRE)
Owner: Godolphin
Trainer: Charlie Appleby, Newmarket

9-2 (58.1) (9)
Jockey: William Buick
Form: 11020 D
Breeder: Godolphin

Foaled 19 Mar. Successful twice at 5f on good to firm and good ground. Beaten 9l behind Lady Iman at 7-2 when seventh of 8 on his latest outing in the Group 3 HKJC World Pool Molecomb Stakes at Goodwood over 5f (good) last month. Has won at Ascot and Newmarket this season. Official BHA Rating 99
SP: 11-2

5 Rydale Frosty (GB) (24)
Gr or Ro c Havana Grey - Primrose Valley
Owner: Mr A. M. Pickering
Trainer: David Simcock, Newmarket

9-2 (58.1) (5)
Jockey: Jamie Spencer
Form: 4214
Breeder: Alan Pickering CBE

Foaled 29 Jan. A winner at 6f on good to firm ground. Finished 2 1/4l behind Lady Iman when fourth of 8 at 7-1 on his latest outing in the Group 3 HKJC World Pool Molecomb Stakes at Goodwood over 5f (good) last month. Official BHA Rating 96
SP: 6-1

6 Silent Applause (IRE) (15)
B g Acclamation - Blue Willow
Owner: Godolphin
Trainer: Charlie Appleby, Newmarket

9-2 (58.1) (4)
Jockey: Ryan Moore
Form: 5211 D
Breeder: Corduff Stud

Foaled 2 May. Successful twice at 5f on good to firm and good ground. Won on his latest outing when 5-6fav at Haydock over 5f (good) earlier this month, beating Under The Radar by 4l. Has also won at Nottingham this season. Official BHA Rating 96
SP: 11-4

7 Our Cody (IRE) (8)
B f Kodi Bear (IRE) - Dubai Sunset (IRE)
Owner: Mrs J.Woods,Mr R. P. Gallagher & Partner
Trainer: Richard Hughes, Upper Lambourn

8-11 (55.8) (1)
Jockey: Oisin Murphy
Form: 4218P4 D
Breeder: Ballyphilip Stud

Foaled 10 Mar. A winner at 5f on good to firm ground. Finished 1 1/4l behind Hollywood Treasure when fourth of 11 at 10-1 on her latest outing at Newbury over 5f (good) earlier this month. Official BHA Rating 90
SP: 12-1

8 Revival Power (IRE) (24)
Ch f Bungle Inthejungle - Titian Saga (IRE)
Owner: King Power Racing Co Ltd
Trainer: Tim Easterby, Malton

8-11 (55.8) (6)
Jockey: David Allan
Form: 102 D
Breeder: Newlands House Stud

Foaled 22 Apr. A winner at 5f on good to firm ground. Beaten 1 3/4l by Spicy Marg when second of 11 at 12-1 on her latest outing at Goodwood over 5f (good) last month. Official BHA Rating 87
SP: 8-1

No	Horse	st-lb	(kgs)	Draw

9 Zelaina (GB) (24)
B f Mehmas (IRE) - Atlantic Drift
Owner: Wathnan Racing
Trainer: K. R. Burke, Leyburn

8-11 (55.8) (8)
Jockey: Clifford Lee
Form: 100 D BF
Breeder: Newsells Park Stud

Foaled 12 Apr. A winner at 5f on good ground. Beaten 8l behind Spicy Marg at 7-4fav when eighth of 11 on her latest outing at Goodwood over 5f (good) last month. Official BHA Rating 92
SP: 14-1

NUMBER OF DECLARED RUNNERS 9 ..... **(EXACTA)**

STEWARDS NOTE
ZELAINA. Following its run on 30/7/2025 it was reported that the trainer could not explain the poor run.

PROBABLE S.P.'S
11-4 Silent Applause (IRE), 11-2 Military Code (GB), 6-1 Rydale Frosty (GB), 13-2 Dickensian (GB), 8-1 Revival Power (IRE), 12-1 Our Cody (IRE), 14-1 Zelaina (GB), 16-1 Kinnalargy (GB), 33-1 Exclamation (IRE)

RESULT & PRIZE MONEY INFORMATION

1st	£56710	2nd	£21500
3rd	£10760	4th	£5360
TIME		DISTANCES	

SIXTH RACE PRESENTATION & BEST TURNED OUT

FAMILY OF JULIA GRAVES

The trophy for this race will be presented to the winning owner after the race by Ian Graves.

The Family of Julia Graves have generously given £100 to the racing groom responsible for the best turned out horse in this race and £50 to the racing groom responsible for the winning horse.

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